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Madam Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Wadsworth and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1954 on the health of the Rural District.

(1) HOSPITAL AND SANATORIUM PROVISIONS, &c.

The care of the chronic sick is provided for at St. Hilda's Hospital, Whitby and at the General Wards of the Avenue Hospital, Bridlington, the Bampton Lane Hospital, Bridlington, and St. Mary's Hospital, Scarborough.

There has been no change in laboratory facilities.

The Public Health Laboratory in Hull, under the direction of Dr. Greening, undertakes bacteriological investigations in matters of public health (such as water and milk sampling), and also in diseases (such as the enteric group) which are closely linked with public sanitation.

Laboratory work on diseases of non-public health interest is done by the Pathologist at Westwood Hospital, Beverley, and by the Pathologist at Scarborough Hospital.

(2) GENERAL STATISTICS

The following is a table of general statistics for the year under review:

Area of District .....	66,903 acres
Population of Area (Estimated, from the Registrar-General's figures).....	9,223
Number of separate Families .....	2,722
Separate Houses and other Dwellings as at 31st December 1953.	3,573
Rateable Value .....	£39,457
Product of Penny Rate at 31st March 1953.....	£157/14/10

(3) VITAL STATISTICS

The vital statistics for the year 1954 were as follows:

Children aged 0 - 14 .....	2,347	Total Population .....	9,450
Live Births .. Legitimate)	Males 54	Females 63	Total .. 117
..Illegitimate)	Males 4	Females 7	Total .. 11
	<u>58</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>128</u>

Using comparability factors of 1.13 for Births and 0.89 for Deaths -

The Birth-rate per thousand of estimated Resident Population is..	15.30
Rate per thousand (Total live and still births) .....	15.32
Deaths .....	Males 50 Females 37 Total ... 105
Death-rate per thousand of estimated Resident Population....	9.77
Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis .....	Nil
Deaths from other Puerperal causes .....	Nil
Deaths of Infants under one year:	
Legitimate)	Males 2 Females 1 Total ..... 3
Illegitimate)	Males 0 Females 0 Total ..... 0
	<u>2</u> <u>1</u> <u>3</u>

Infantile death-rate per thousand live births (Legitimate) .....	7.81
Infantile death-rate for England and Wales, per thousand live births (Legitimate).....	25.5
Deaths from Measles (All ages) .....	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (All ages) .....	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (Under two years of age) .....	1
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 births .....	1

#### (4) INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The case rate of certain infectious diseases per thousand population is shown in the following table.

Disease	England and Wales	Bridlington Rural District
Acute Polio Myelitis Paralytic .....	0.03	0.10
Non-Paralytic .....	0.01	0.00
Diphtheria .....	0.004	0.00
Enteric Fever Group .....	0.01	0.00
Dysentery .....	0.72	0.00
Food Poisoning .....	0.20	0.00
Pneumonia .....	0.60	0.10
Scarlet Fever .....	0.96	0.52
Pulmonary Tuberculosis .....	0.85	0.10
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis .....	0.12	0.21

The following table shows the diseases notified during the year:

Disease	Total Notified	Deaths
Paralytic Polio .....	1	-
Measles .....	6	-
Pneumonia .....	1	--
Scarlet Fever .....	5	-
Whooping Cough .....	30	-

#### (5) TUBERCULOSIS

No. of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1954:

Pulmonary .....	Males .. 28	Females .. 16	Total .. 44
Non-Pulmonary .....	Males .. 10	Females .. 13	Total .. 23

New cases notified during the year:

Pulmonary .....	Males .. 0	Females .. 1	Total .. 1
Non-Pulmonary .....	Males .. 1	Females .. 2	Total .. 3

#### (6) VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA - 1954

(a) Number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated during 1954:

AGE AT DATE OF VACCINATION:	Under 1	1 year	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Totals
Number vaccinated	54	3	3	3	3	66
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	1	5	14	20

(b) Number of children at 31st December, 1954, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st January, 1940.)

Age at 31.12.54 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1954	1 1953	2 1952	3 1951	4 1950	5 to 9 1945-1949	10-14 1940-1944	Total under 15
Number immunised (Whether primary or booster):-								
1950 - 1954 ....	3	79	75	66	68	144	33	468
1949 or earlier	-	-	-	-	-	360	302	662
Totals .....	3	79	75	66	68	504	335	1,130

(c) Number of children immunised during the year ended 1 31st December, 1954. (Figures also included in (b) above).

Under 5	5 - 14	Total	Boosters
100	5	105	26

These immunisation figures show a continuing improvement in the age group 0 - 2 years, over the last 2 year's figures. During this year a reminder of the benefits of immunisation has been posted to mothers of 8 months old babies in the District. Estimated mid 1954 population in age group 0-14 years is 2,347.

#### (7) BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS

These are now the entire responsibility of the East Riding County Council, insofar as infectious diseases are concerned.

#### (8) WATER SUPPLY

The Bridlington Corporation supply the water for the Rural District but your Council are still responsible for ensuring that the water supply is of the requisite purity. There have been no complaints of any shortage of water in the area.

Number of houses and population supplied with water:

Parish	<u>To Houses</u>		<u>From Standtaps</u>	
	No. of Houses	Popul- ation	No. of Houses	Popul- ation
Barmston.....	75	254	15	51
Bempton .....	184	552	14	48
Boynnton .....	39	207	5	19
Burton Agnes .....	166	579	2	8
Burton Fleming .....	91	296	31	116
Carnaby .....	86	331	15	53
Flamborough .....	558	1672	7	30
Folkton .....	120	457	4	15
Grindale .....	40	137	8	30
Hunmanby .....	537	1901	17	57
Muston .....	92	346	15	49
Reighton .....	106	339	9	32
Rudston .....	109	345	21	73
Skipsea .....	95	325	42	198
Thwing .....	60	194	9	33
Ulrome .....	67	205	16	57
Wold Newton .....	75	275	6	23

#### (9) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The following villages have a sewage disposal system:

Hunmanby, Bempton and Buckton, Reighton, Flamborough Village, North Landing and Flamborough Head.

In addition to the sewage disposal works enumerated, the following sewage works have been constructed for the treatment of sewage from Council House Estates:-

Burton Fleming-Rudston, Muston, Flixton and Speeton

In addition Hunmanby and Flamborough have a weekly collection of nightsoil. Progress is being made at Hunmanby, Flamborough and Bempton in the conversion to water carriage system.

#### (10) COLLECTION OF HOUSE REFUSE

There is a periodic collection of refuse in fifteen parishes, involving 26 villages and hamlets. Hunmanby and Flamborough have a fortnightly collection. The collection has been improved during the year, but efforts are still being made to give a regular collection through the year.

The Council purchased a Cesspool emptier of 800 gallons capacity, for use in the emptying of septic tanks, cesspools and settlement tanks throughout the area, and this has enabled a great improvement in the district.

(11) PUBLIC LAVATORIES

A further block of public lavatories have been constructed at Dog and Duck Yard, Flamborough, and these have apparently met a real need.

I am, Madam Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Wadsworth and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P.D.H. CHAPMAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1955

Annual Report of the Public Health Department  
for the Year 1954

To the Chairman and Members  
of the Bridlington Rural District Council.

Madam Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Wadsworth and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Twelfth Annual Report on the sanitary and other work carried out by your Health Department during the year ended 31st December, 1954.

The total number of inspections carried out during the year for all purposes was 2,429.

(1) HOUSING ACTS

During the year 67 inspections were made in connection with the Housing Survey and housing repairs generally, and notices were served in 31 cases, such notices being informal notices. In 35 cases repairs were carried out before the end of the year.

Difficulty was still experienced in getting repairs carried out to houses, owing to the high cost of same, but in spite of this difficulty it is pleasing to note that owners are carrying out necessary maintenance repairs without notices being served by the Council.

(2) PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

During the year 36 complaints and nuisances were dealt with, necessitating the making of 89 visits of inspection. Notices were served where found necessary.

The following is a summary of nuisances:

Dirty dwellings.....	5
Defective pail closets or privy middens .....	13
Offensive accumulations .....	15

(3) MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER

There are 253 cowkeepers, producers, wholesale traders and retail traders on the Register, trading as follows:

As producers and wholesale traders .....	196
As producers and retail traders .....	9
As producers, retail and wholesale traders .....	48

During the year 87 inspections and visits were made and as a result the following infringements were dealt with:

Cleansing of cowsheds and dairies .....	9
Structural alterations .....	2
Cleansing of utensils .....	3

(4) MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

For the first half of 1954, the arrangements for meat inspection were as for previous years, but these arrangements were nullified by the freeing of slaughtering as from July, 1954. Five private slaughterhouses were licensed for the slaughter of animals for human consumption, as follows:-

Hunmanby ..	2
Burton Fleming..	1
Rudston ..	1
Skipsea ...	1
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The work of meat inspection has therefore greatly increased and has involved your public health staff in night and weekend work.

I would like to pay a tribute to the butchers concerned for their co-operation in this important work.

This arrangement, however, has not done away with the supervision of meat and food shops, and 284 inspections were carried out in this connection. As a result it was necessary to condemn 5 tins of milk, 24 lbs of tinned ham, and 2 tins of crab, as unfit for human consumption.

#### (5) SHOPS ACTS

Most of the shops in the area are run by owner-occupiers and have sufficient and satisfactory sanitary accommodation.

The larger shops are visited periodically and 93 visits and inspections were made during the year to ascertain the adequacy and condition of the sanitary accommodation.

#### (6) FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

There are 50 factories and workshops on the Register, and 88 inspections were made during the year. Infringements of the Acts and Regulations were dealt with in conjunction with the Ministry's Factories Inspector.

#### (7) SCAVANGING

The Parishes of Flamborough and Hunmanby continue to have a weekly collection of nightsoil and fortnightly collections of house refuse. In the remaining 15 Parishes the collection of tins, etc., is carried out periodically. This work is carried out by direct labour, using the Council's two lorries. Very little trouble has been encountered and 337 visits and inspections have been made in connection with this work.

The house refuse and tins are disposed of by tipping, and as far as possible with the labour available, control of the tips is being maintained. The nightsoil is disposed of by tipping same on to agricultural land for ploughing in, and we have experienced no difficulty in disposing of the night-soil.

Throughout 1954 the following frequency of household refuse collection was maintained:-

Flamborough and Hunmanby - Fortnightly  
All other Parishes in the Rural District,  
thirteen collections over a period of  
twelve months.

Refuse Tips were in use as follows, during 1954:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Owner</u>
1. Carnaby	Mr. M. Thompson
2. Rudston (Burton Agnes Road)	Mr. M. Thompson
3. Rudston(Burton/Fl. Road)	Mr. Gatenby
4. Hunmanby (Malton Road)	Parish Pit
5. Muston (Hitherstay Hill)	Mr. Steele
6. Burton Fleming	Parish Pit
7. Reighton	Parish Pit
8. Bampton	Parish Pit
9. Flamborough Brick Yard	Mr. Hartley
10. Wold Newton	Parish Pit

Rodent Control was exercised and tips were sealed as effectively as possible with materials readily available on the tips.

#### (8) SUPERVISION OF SEWAGE WORKS AND DRAINAGE

During the year 494 visits and inspections were made and no major difficulties have been encountered.

The work of sewage works maintenance increases each year as new works are erected. Sewage works are now in operation in the parishes of Hunmanby, Flamborough, Bampton, Burton Fleming, Reighton and Rudston, and all these works have regular attention to ensure a satisfactory effluent.

Again a vast amount of work has been carried out with regard to the cleansing and maintenance of sewer dykes throughout the district.



At the beginning of 1954 the Council purchased a Thames 800 gallon suction septic emptier and this has enabled the department to thoroughly cleanse the tanks attached to Council house sites, sewage works, collection of settlement tanks, and also tanks at private property. The district has been surveyed and a programme drawn up of the time for emptying each tank. Private work was undertaken on a repayment basis, and 55 requests were dealt with.

#### (9) FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938 - Section 14

There are now 51 premises registered for the sale, storage and/or manufacture of ice-cream or preserved food. Frequent inspections are made of the premises, and it is pleasing to note that any advice given or recommendations made to the owners of the premises is always well received in order to improve the standard of cleanliness. An increasing amount of ice-cream is being wrapped for sale, thereby eliminating, to a great extent, the danger from contamination from handling and dust.

There are no manufacturers of ice-cream, which is bulk purchased from wholesale traders outside the area of the Bridlington Rural District.

#### (10) ROBERT CONTROL

In addition to ordinary enquiries made during routine visits, 81 visits and inspections were made during the year, and where necessary poisoning was carried out. There has been no incidence of any major infestation.

The refuse tips and sewage works under the control of the Council were treated as required.

#### (11) SUPERVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL HOUSES

The inspection of Council Houses for repairs and maintenance has taken up a considerable amount of time during the past year, and once again a large amount of work has been carried out. In this connection I would especially like to thank the Rating staff for their co-operation.

The repairs carried out can be summarised as follows:

Roofs .....	34	Grates .....	62
Chimneys .....	26	Firebricks .....	43
Flashings .....	42	Back Boilers .....	11
Pointing of Walls .....	3	Sink Wastes (Repairs).....	88
Paving .....	22	Spouting .....	21
Fencing .....	8	Handrails Refitting	
General Woodwork .....	70	and Repairs .....	4
Window repairs .....	136	Draining Boards .....	37
Gates and Posts .....	51	Copper Cylinders .....	5
Dustbins .....	65	Electric Fitting Repairs	
W.C. Cisterns and Ball Taps .....	217	and Renewals .....	41
New Ranges .....	5	Storage Tanks .....	21
Saddles to Ranges .....	11	Floor Repairs .....	9
Oven Plates .....	4	Garden Sheds	
Oven Bottoms .....	4	(R.D.C.) .....	3

#### (12) CAMPS, TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

There are 19 camps in the area which are licensed under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936. These camps stretch from the extreme North to the extreme South of the Rural District along the coastline, and owing to the distance to be travelled it is very difficult to visit the camps as often as is desirable. Nevertheless 142 visits and inspections were made to ascertain the sanitary and other conditions at the camps, and in most cases the owners were found to be very willing to co-operate.

(13) SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

A summary of visits and inspections made during the year 1954 is given below:

Housing Acts .....	67
Public Health and Public Health	
Housing Acts .....	305
Milk and Dairies Orders .....	87
Slaughterhouses & Food Inspections .....	284
Bakehouses .....	19
Shops Acts .....	93
Water Supplies .....	39
Factories and Workshops .....	88
Sewage Works and Drainage .....	494
Scavenging .....	337
Rodent Control .....	81
Council Houses, Repairs &c.....	907
Camps, Tents, &c.....	142
TOTAL.....	<u>2873</u>

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Council for the support and consideration given to me during the year under review, and also to the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. P.D.H. Chapman), the Clerk to the Council (Mr. A.S. Makin) and the Staff, for their interest and help in connection with my work.

I have the honour to be,

Madam Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Wadsworth and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. RIDOUT

Senior Sanitary Inspector

October, 1955



